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In re Application of: Victor Il'ich Kopp et al.

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For: **Apparatus and Method for  
Manufacturing Periodic Grating  
Optical Fibers**

Examiner: J. Hoffman  
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February 27, 2004

Date of Signature

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION  
OF INVENTION & REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a 2-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of December 2, 2003. A credit card payment form PTO-2038 with authorization for payment in the amount of \$210 in payment of the government fee for a 2-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction of Invention dated December 2, 2003, Applicants submit as follows:

Applicants elect Invention I corresponding to claims 1-29. Claims 30-40 remain in the case. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

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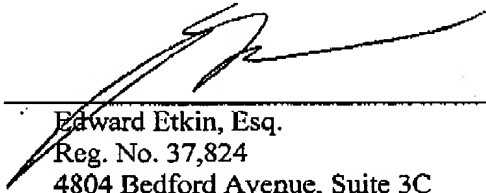
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In response to Examiner's objection to the Oath / Declaration on the grounds that it does not show proper citizenship for the inventor Victor Il'ich Kopp, Applicants enclose a supplemental declaration executed by Victor Il'ich Kopp showing his correct citizenship status.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney below if there are any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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